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TO USINFO WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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USINFO ALSO FOR VOA NEWSROOM

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BANGKOK FOR HEDGES

BANGKOK, HONG KONG AND SAIGON FOR VOA CORRESPONDENTS

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E.O. 11652: NA

SUBJECT: KHMER SITUATIONER

1. THREE COMMUNIST 107MM ROCKETS SMASHED INTO THE NORTHERN SECTION OF PHNOM PENH AT MID-MORNING SUNDAY KILLING TWO PEOPLE AND WOUNDING SEVEN, ALL CIVILIANS. ONE ROCKET HIT A THEATRE WHERE ALL OF THE CASUALTIES OCCURRED. THE OTHER TWO LANDED IN OPEN AREAS NEAR THE RAILROAD STATION AND NEAR THE WAT PHNOM. A FOURTH ROCKET EXPLODED HARMLESSLY IN A MARSHY AREA JUST NORTH OF THE CITY.

2. COMMUNIST PRESSURE AGAINST THE 12,000-MAN GARRISON AT KOMPONG SEILA ON THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF ROUTE 4 CONTINUED FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS WITH NUMEROUS ATTACKS BY FIRE AND GROUND ASSAULTS. FANK LINES HLED FIRMLY BUT 28 GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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48-HOUR PERIOD ENDING SUNDAY MORNING. AND AT THE PORT

CITY OF KAMPOT, HARASSING SHELLINGS AND MACHINE GUN ATTACKS DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS HAVE KILLED ONE FANK SOLDIER AND WOUNDED TWO OTHERS.

3. AT KOMPONG THOM ON FRIDAY, A FANK UNIT PATROLLING THE EXPANDED SOUTHERN PERIMETER ENGAGED A COMMUNIST FORCE KILLING ONE ENEMY SOLDIER WITH ONE FANK TROOPER WOUNDED IN THE ACTION. A LATE REPORT SAYS THAT THE COMMUNISTS LAUNCHED A STRONG ATTACK EARLY SATURDAY MORNING IN THE SAME GENERAL VICINITY BUT THERE ARE NO DETAILS YET OF THE BATTLE.

4. IN THE BASSAC-MEKONG AREA SOME 12 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH, FANK'S SECOND DIVISION MADE SOME PROGRESS SATURDAY IN AN ATTEMPT TO RELIEVE AN ENCIRCLED GOVERNMENT POSITION MIDWAY BETWEEN THE TWO RIVERS. THEY TOOK CASUALTIES OF TWO KILLED AND 31 WOUNDED IN THE EFFORT. THEN AT MIDNIGHT SATURDAY, THE SOLDIERS MANNING THE ENCIRCLED POSITION WITHDREW TO GOVERNMENT LINES. A RELIEF COLUMN COMING TO THEIR ASSISTANCE FROM THE NORTH WAS ATTACKED BY THE COMMUNISTS SUNDAY MORNING WITH THE FIGHTING CONTINUING AT LATEST REPORT.

5. A SMALL NAVY DETACHMENT ON THE ISLAND OF KOH THMEI JUST TO THE SOUTH OF THE NAVY BASE AT REAM ENGAGED THE ENEMY SATURDAY MORNING LOSING TWO KILLED AND 15 WOUNDED. TWO OF THE KILLED WERE DEPENDENTS OF THE NAVY MEN. REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO THE SCENE.

6. A 22-SHIP MEKONG CONVOY ARRIVED SAFELY IN SOUTH VIETNAMESE WATERS SATURDAY FROM PHNOM PENH. IT WAS NOT ATTACKED ON THE DOWN-RIVER RUN.

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